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1. Between 8 a.m. and noon on 7 November 1953, 45 MiG-15s, 1 Il-28, and 2 Yak-ss were observed at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. There was a 3/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,500 meters, a northwesterly wind of about 15 km/h, and visibility of about 30 km. No air activity was observed.¹ The AA gun emplacements in the southern and eastern sections of the field were neither guarded nor occupied. About 10 motor vehicles, but no Moskovich-type van-like trucks, were parked in the area of the eastern garage. Repair and maintenance work was being done on some vehicles. No change was observed in the status of the small radio mast with a disk on top and a cone-shaped bracing, or in the ground radio installations . The long-wire antenna had been removed. Two rod antennas projected from the surface of the ground, probably from an underground bunker. 2

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2. The Il-28 previously observed at the eastern side of the hangar was removed. One Li-2 and 10 gray crates were observed in front of the hangar. No repair work was under way. A Kniferest-type radar set and a Fishnet-type radar set were still located near the tritol factory.

3. At Wiener Neustadt military post the Artillerie Kaserne was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and that there was little activity. The barracks installation seemed to be unoccupied. The antenna mast with cone-shaped bracing and disk and the rod antenna on the roof of the barracks building were dismantled, while the antenna system in the northern section of the barracks yard was unchanged. The Nachrichten Kaserne was guarded by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and there was little traffic by personnel with the same service color.

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 little activity observed. Motor vehicles observed in the area of the barracks installation included 5 trucks 1 van-like truck, and 1 jeep. One NCO and 18 EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets marched toward the barracks installation, coming from the direction of the flight control station. The cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black

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epaulets. There was traffic by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia and others with tank insignia. Nine AA machine guns, 16 x 37-mm AA guns and 32 trucks, including 8 parked in open sheds, were observed in the area of the cantonment.

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1. Comment. It is believed that Wiener Neustadt airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two subordinate fighter regiments. The Il-28 observed probably is the same aircraft which previously was parked near the hangar and had been observed there for quite some time. It would appear that the Il-28 has received repairs and most probably will leave the field in the near future.

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